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Mail Stop RCE

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **International Payment System and Method**
Inventors: Harada *et al.*
Our Ref: 2348.0720001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$1,240.00** to cover: **\$790.00** - RCE filing fee; and **\$450.00** - two (2) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
5. Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO/SB/08b (1 sheet) listing one (1) cited document (**NPL1**);
7. A copy of the one (1) cited document (**NPL1**); and
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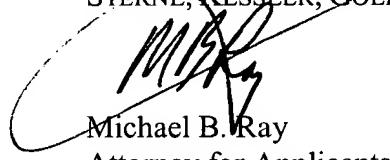
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Respectfully submitted,

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